

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 9/28/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-17 and 21-25.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 9 is allowable because the art of record, considered alone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a multi-nip calender comprising: *the first, the second, and the third intermediate rolls lack internal devices for loading and moving the rolls, wherein the second intermediate roll being rotatable about an axis which is fixed with respect to the frame,* in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations.

Claim 21 is allowable because the art of record, considered alone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a multi-nip calender comprising: *the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth intermediate rolls lack internal devices for loading and moving the rolls, wherein the third intermediate roll is rigidly mounted to the frame,* in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations.

US 4,736,678 to Stotz and US 6,129,011 to Cramer, each discloses a multi-nip calender having an intermediate roller (see (12(2)) of Stotz and (6) of Cramer). These rollers are rotatable about an axis that is fixed with respect to the frame. However, these rollers are having internal devices. Stotz and Cramer do not suggest and disclose that the intermediate roller can be a type of roller that lacks internal devices for loading or moving the rolls. There is no reason to remove the internal devices from the intermediate roller and such would be impermissible hindsight. Therefore, Claims 9 and 21 contain allowable subject matter over Stotz and Cramer.

US 6,305,280 to Beckers discloses a calender having a set of rolls, the set of rolls having two intermediate rolls (5 and 10) that are fixedly mounted on the frame (16). The first fixed intermediate roll (5) is positioned right under the first roll (4) that has internal loading device,

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and the second fixed intermediate roll (10) is positioned between another intermediate roll (i.e. 7) and the last roll (13) but the second fixed intermediate roll (10) is having internal device (see col. 5, line 57, i.e. "sag compensation"). There is no reason to remove the internal device from the second fixed intermediate roller and such would be impermissible hindsight. Therefore, Beckers fails to disclose the calender in a structural arrangement as claimed in claims 9 and 21.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

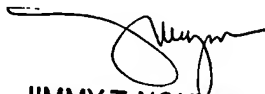
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jimmy T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4520. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30am-5:00pm with alternating Friday 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on (571) 272- 4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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